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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 5, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 26 regarding the language which defines the support means in terms of the work piece has not been sufficiently addressed; although the original language has been removed, similar language has been added in lines 5-6 which presents the same problem in the claim. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404.

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